

## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by LETTERS/PATENT of the United States is as follows:

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Sub a) 1. A wooden post protective sleeve for protecting a lower end of a wooden post from rotting while positioned within a hole in a ground area while also making insertion into and removal from the hole easier comprising, in combination:

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a collar having a generally rectangular configuration,  
the collar having an open upper end, a closed lower end, and four  
surrounding side walls, the open upper end being dimensioned for  
receiving the lower end of the wooden post therein, the four  
surrounding side walls each having an aperture therethrough  
downwardly of the open upper end, the apertures being dimensioned  
for receiving wood screws therethrough for engaging the lower end  
of the wooden post, the closed lower end having a plurality of <sup>17b</sup> <sup>17a</sup>  
drainage apertures therethrough, the drainage apertures including  
a central aperture and four corner apertures, the collar being  
fabricated of plastic <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>140</sup> <sup>(4)</sup> <sup>141</sup>

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2. A wooden post protective sleeve for protecting a lower end of a wooden post from rotting while positioned within a hole in a ground area while also making insertion into and removal from the hole easier comprising, in combination:

a collar having an open upper end, a closed lower end, and a surrounding side wall, the open upper end being dimensioned

for receiving the lower end of the wooden post therein, the surrounding side wall having a plurality of apertures therethrough downwardly of the open upper end, the apertures being dimensioned for receiving wood screws therethrough for engaging the lower end of the wooden post, the closed lower end having a plurality of drainage apertures therethrough, the drainage apertures including a central aperture and four peripheral apertures, the collar being fabricated of plastic.

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3. The wooden post protective sleeve as set forth in claim 2, wherein the collar and the wooden post each have a rectangular configuration.

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4. The wooden post protective sleeve as set forth in claim 2, wherein the collar and the wooden post each have a cylindrical configuration.